(b) if so, the details thereof along with the date on which it was entered into;

(c) whether, in view of this agreement, India had sought American assistance for construction of atomic projects during the last six months; and

(d) if so, the reaction America's reaction in this regard and what kind of assistance India has received so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) India and United States signed a Statement of Principles to promote and facilitate bilateral high technology commerce, including trade in 'dual use' goods and technologies, on 05 February 2003 in Washington D.C.

(c) No.

(d) The two governments are engaged in a broad-based discussion on bilateral cooperation of mutual interest in civilian nuclear energy field, including the associated United States and International regulatory issues. The two sides have already initiated dialogue on five safety-related projects for nuclear power plants, which were proposed by India.

Undiplomatic liaisons by Ambassadors

2399. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Ambassadors were charged with undiplomatic liaisons and were recalled, as reported in the 'Hindusan Times' dated the 21st December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the charges;

(c) whether there had been similar instances earlier, if so, the deails thereof;

(d) whether Indian diplomats have some code of conduct to be observed abroad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and in how many cases this has been flouted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) No.

(c) to (e) There has been no instance in recent years of Indian ambassadors being charged on these grounds. The Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules apply to all Government servants including Indian diplomats posted abroad, and all infringements of such rules are dealt with strictly in accordance with these rules. The Ministry remains vigilant to and takes strict action, as stipulated under the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, against any officer who flouts codes of conduct for our diplomats posted abroad.

EU's opinion on cross-border terrorism

2400. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a view that European Union has refused to explicity mention Pakistan's cross-border terrorism in the joint statement at the end of the PM's visit to Cyprus, Denmark and U.K. in October last year;

(b) If so, whether India would sent or take other diplomatic measu. to change their views; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The European Union has been fully supportive of India's concerns on terrorism, including cross border terrorism. The Joint Press Statement of the Third India-EU Summit held on 10th October 2002 in Copenhagen reiterated the determination of India and EU to combat terrorism and emphasized that there could be no justification for terrorism, and that those who perpetrate and sponsor it will be brought to justice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.